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1. SUMMARY: UK STILL PRESSING HARD FOR BOARD APPROVAL
CREATION PNE COMMITTEE AT SPECIAL MEETING PRIOR TO NPT
REVIEW CONFERENCE, AND PLANNING REOPEN QUESTION AT BOARD
MEETING MARCH 5. MISSION HAS URGED UK MISSION TO TAKE
FLEXIBLE APPROACH, AND NOT PUSH FOR FIRM BOARD DECISION
TO MEET ON SPECIFIC APRIL DATE. END SUMMARY

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2. JACKSON (UK) ASKED AFTERNOON MARCH 3 FOR MISSION SUPPORT FOR UK INITIATIVE TO REOPEN PNE COMMITTEE ISSUE AT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MARCH 5, WHICH BEING CONVENED TO CONSIDER JAPANESE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT. UK PROPOSED TO PRESS FOR SPECIFIC BOARD DECISION TO AGREE TAKE UP PNE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION (GOV/1719) ON AGENDA OF A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING JUST BEFORE OR AFTER ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE WHICH CONVENES APRIL 15, SPECIFICALLY ON APRIL 14 OR 18. ASSUMING BOARD APPROVAL (AT THAT TIME) UK WOULD THEN PLAN CONVENE FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF PNE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO REVIEW CONFERENCE.

3. UK REPORTS REACTION OF CO-SPONSORS AND OTHER STATES AS FOLLOWS: JAPAN SUPPORTS UK PROPOSAL (AND AS WELL NOW SUPPORTS CANADIAN AMENDMENTS REPORTED REF A); THAIS IN FAVOR; CANADA WOULD NOT OBJECT; FRG NEEDS INSTRUCTIONS; AUSTRALIANS HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT MAKING ANOTHER ATTEMPT ON CREATION PNE COMMITTEE AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF BOARD OPPOSITION REPORTED REF A.

4. I TOLD JACKSON I THOUGHT HIS PROPOSAL WAS PREMATURE AND WOULD PRODUCE A RE-HASH OF INCONCLUSIVE BOARD DEBATE OF LAST WEEK. ATTEMPT WOULD BE RESENTED BY MANY STATES, WHO HAD HAD NO OPPORTUNITY GET INSTRUCTIONS, AND OTHER STATES WOULD PERHAPS BE MORE OUTSPOKEN IN THEIR OPPOSITION. SUGGESTED HE TRY MORE FLEXIBLE APPROACH, ASKING BOARD TO TAKE CONSENSUS DECISION ALONG LINES THAT IT MIGHT RPT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD IN APRIL IF DG, AFTER CONSULTATIONS, CONSIDERED IT WAS TIMELY TO DO SO. THIS APPROACH MIGHT RECEIVE SUPPORT OF MANY UNINSTRUCTED DELEGATES, SINCE IT WOULD STILL LEAVE OPEN THE DECISION AS TO WHETHER THE PNE COMMITTEE QUESTION SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AT ALL PRIOR TO NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING IN JUNE. I SAID I DOUBTED VERY MUCH THAT WASHINGTON WOULD SUPPORT A FIRM BOARD DECISION TO CONSIDER THE MATTER IN APRIL, BUT I THOUGHT WE MIGHT GO ALONG WITH A CONSENSUS WHICH NEITHER CONCLUSIVELY SUPPORTED OR REJECTED CONSIDERATION AT THAT TIME. I ALSO REMINDED HIM THAT US STILL HAD SOME PROBLEMS WITH TEXT OF GOV/1719 WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE CONFIDENTIAL

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BROUGHT UP IN FUTURE CONSULTATIONS WITH UK.

5. WITH RESPECT TO SOVIET ATTITUDE, JACKSON THOUGHT HE HAD DETECTED A WILLINGNESS ON MOROKHOV'S PART TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT PNE COMMITTEE IN APRIL, BUT NOT BEFORE. JACKSON CONJECTURED THAT THIS MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH COMPLETION SCHEDULE TO TTB TALKS IN MOSCOW. I SAID I HAD NOT IDEA WHETHER US CONTEMPLATED CONCLUSION

OF TTB TALKS IN THAT TIME FRAME.

6. JACKSON AGREED TO QUERY LONDON TO GET HIS INSTRUCTIONS CHANGED TO SUPPORT THE FLEXIBLE APPROACH MENTIONED PARA 4 ABOVE. I SAID I WOULD ASK WASHINGTON FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO GO ALONG WITH SUCH AN APPROACH.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: INSTRUCTIONS TO DO SO.

7. COMMENT: PRECIPITOUS ACTION PROPOSED BY UK STRIKES US AS A BIT INEPT, ALTHOUGH IT HAS LAUDABLE OBJECTIVE OF DOING SOMETHING ON CREATION PNE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO MAY REVCON. IN MY VIEW, HOWEVER, THAT OBJECTIVE ASSUMES LESS AND LESS IMPORTANCE, AND I SO INFORMED JACKSON. DANGER OF A DEADLOCK IN APRIL, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN NO ACTION AT ALL ON COMMITTEE, WOULD CAUSE MORE DAMAGE AT REVCON THAN WOULD SIMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BOARD HAD QUESTION OF COMMITTEE ON ITS AGENDA, AND WOULD REVERT TO IT AT AN EARLY DATE WHICH IS NOW THE CASE. THE BOARD MEMBERSHIP IS NOT YET READY TO BE SEIZED WITH THIS MATTER, AND WE SURMISE THAT MAY ALSO BE VIEW OF USG.PORTER

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